

## Kratovil FY11 Appropriations Priority Requests

### *Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations*

**Project:** BRAC Related Improvements in Anne Arundel County, Maryland

**Amount:** \$5 million

**Account:** FHWA/ TCSP

**Recipient:** Maryland Department of Transportation

**Address:** 7201 Corporate Center Drive, Hanover, MD 21076

**Explanation:** Anne Arundel County, Maryland is growing quickly due to significant BRAC related expansion at Fort Meade. The impending BRAC-related growth will stress the existing infrastructure. These funds will be used to continue priority intersection improvements in the vicinity of Fort Meade thereby reducing congestion and supporting economic growth. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will address current and future infrastructure problems due to BRAC growth.

**Project:** BRAC Related Improvements in Harford County, Maryland

**Amount:** \$5 million

**Account:** FHWA/ TCSP

**Recipient:** Maryland Department of Transportation

**Address:** 7201 Corporate Center Drive, Hanover, MD 21076

**Explanation:** Harford County, Maryland is growing quickly due to significant BRAC related expansion at Aberdeen Proving Grounds (APG). The impending BRAC-related growth will stress the existing infrastructure and create unsafe conditions, requiring the immediate design and construction of right-of-way and intersection improvements. The APG projects include short-term improvements to address traffic congestion along the area's major urban transportation corridors and enhance local communities' appeal to meet economic development opportunities. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will address current and future infrastructure problems due to BRAC growth.

**Project:** Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park

**Amount:** \$2 million

**Account:** HUD/ EDI

**Recipient:** Maryland Department of Natural Resources

**Address:** 580 Taylor Avenue, Tawes State Office Building, Annapolis, MD

**Explanation:** Harriet Ross Tubman, the most famous "conductor" of the anti-slavery resistance network known as the Underground Railroad, was born in Dorchester County, Maryland, where she spent nearly 30 years as a slave. She escaped slavery in 1849, but returned for more than 10 years to Dorchester and Caroline counties where she led hundreds of African Americans to freedom. In 2007 the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park was established to preserve the history of the area and to recognize Harriet Tubman's significant work. The requested funds would be used to construct interpretive facilities at the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park. This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will

help preserve a part of Maryland and national history, will enhance educational opportunities, create jobs, and support local economic development.

**Project:** MD 404 Improvements in Caroline, Talbot, and Queen Anne's Counties, Maryland

**Amount:** \$2.5 million

**Account:** FHWA/ TCSP

**Recipient:** Maryland Department of Transportation

**Address:** 7201 Corporate Center Drive, Hanover, MD 21076

**Explanation:** MD 404 is a major commuter thoroughfare from Washington, DC to the Eastern Shore. Due to the economic vitality of both the Maryland and Delaware beach communities, MD 404 is often very congested and is in desperate need of upgrades. These funds would be used for design, preliminary engineering, and right of way. This project is part of the overall dualization of MD 404 from US 50 to the Denton Bypass. This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it addresses safety concerns, relieves congestion and supports the community and business environment.

**Project:** Rail Upgrades in Worcester County, Maryland

**Amount:** \$2 million

**Account:** FRA/ Rail Line Relocation and Improvement

**Recipient:** Worcester County

**Address:** Economic Development Department, 100 Pearl St., Snow Hill, MD 21863

**Explanation:** Funding will be used to rehabilitate the 27-mile section of the Maryland-Delaware Railroad running between Frankford, Delaware and Snow Hill, Maryland, in order to accommodate rail cars carrying 286,000 pounds as opposed to the current 263,500 pounds. This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will support economic growth, save and create jobs, conserve energy, and lay groundwork for eventual passenger rail service.

**Project:** US 113 Improvements in Worcester County, Maryland

**Amount:** \$2 million

**Account:** FHWA/ TCSP

**Recipient:** Maryland Department of Transportation

**Address:** 7201 Corporate Center Drive, Hanover, MD 21076

**Explanation:** US 113 serves as the main artery connecting beach communities along the Eastern Shore of Maryland. These funds would be used to continue the upgrade of US 113 to a 4-lane, divided highway. This project is necessary to improve safety and mobility, due to high seasonal traffic volumes, as well as increased commercial and residential development. This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it addresses safety concerns, relieves congestion and supports the community and business environment.

**Project:** US 301 and MD 304 Intersection Improvements

**Amount:** \$7 million

**Account:** FHWA/ TCSP

**Recipient:** Maryland Department of Transportation

**Address:** 7201 Corporate Center Drive, Hanover, MD 21076

**Explanation:** US 301 and MD 304 is currently a congested and dangerous intersection in Queen Anne's County, Maryland. These funds would be used for design of a grade-separated interchange at US 301 and MD 304 with MD 304 bridging over US 301. This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it addresses safety concerns, relieves congestion and supports the community and business environment.

### ***Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations***

**Project:** Access Control Facility

**Amount:** \$8,700,000

**Account:** Army

**Recipient:** Ft. George G. Meade, Ft. Meade, MD

**Address:** 4551 Llewellyn Ave, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755

**Explanation:** Funds will be used to upgrade an access control point at the intersection of Mapes Road and Maryland Route 32 to accommodate increased traffic from Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) related relocations to Ft. Meade. Specific improvements include vehicular gates, fencing, access road, curbing, paving and widening of existing roadways, anti-vehicular mechanisms, guard shelter, information systems, area and security lighting, emergency power, defensive positions, and area duress alarm systems.

This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the project will provide adequate facilities for the Mapes Rd. access control point which is currently subject to makeshift arrangements of defensive positions and anti-vehicular features that perpetuate access control point inefficiency, potentially expose guard personnel to hostile fire, and possibly compromise security. The current arrangement will become increasingly problematic as approximately 5,400 additional military, DOD civilian and contractor employees relocate to Ft. Meade in late 2010, early 2011, as required by the 2005 BRAC law.

**Project:** Easton Readiness Center ADD/ALT

**Amount:** \$13,800,000

**Account:** Army National Guard

**Recipient:** Maryland National Guard, BG (MD) Louis G. Smith Armory

**Address:** 711 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD 21601

**Explanation:** Funds will be used to construct an addition to and renovation of the existing facility to serve the peace time missions of the assigned unit. The project is required to provide a Readiness Center to house B Troop, 1-158<sup>th</sup> CAV and Detachment 1, 729<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Company.

This is a good use of taxpayer dollar because both units are currently housed in a 35 year old facility that was built for one all-male infantry unit. There are no facilities to accommodate female soldiers, which are currently part of the support unit. The new readiness center will provide the necessary administrative, supply, classroom, locker and rest room, maintenance bays, classroom/training, and kitchen/dining areas required to train and support assigned personnel.

**Project:** Information Science and Supercomputing Center

**Amount:** \$30,000,000

**Account:** Army

**Recipient:** Aberdeen Proving Grounds (APG), Aberdeen, MD

**Address:** 2210 Aberdeen Blvd., Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005

**Explanation:** Funds will be used to construct a secure Information Science and Supercomputing Center (ISSC) to include a large partitioned vault, classified areas for computers, a Center for Intrusion Monitoring and Protection (CIMP), Shared Resource Center (MSRC) for super computing, a communications/networking laboratory, and video technology lab with fire alarm and protection systems.

This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the project is required to provide an adequate, secure facility where state-of-the-art, high performance computers can be accessed and exploited by all of DoD science and engineering, test and evaluation personnel. This will enable the development of the most lethal, cost effective equipment for battlefield superiority and maximum survivability of our fighting forces.

**Project:** Mapes Road, South Section

**Amount:** \$3,650,000

**Account:** Army

**Recipient:** Ft. George G. Meade, Ft. Meade, MD

**Address:** 4551 Llewellyn Ave., Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755

**Explanation:** Funds will be used to widen the south section of Mapes Road from two to four lanes from south of Cooper Avenue to the north limit of the Mapes Road/Route 32 Access Control Point. This project is required to provide necessary supporting infrastructure for units, agencies, and activities on Ft. Meade.

This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the current infrastructure on Ft. Meade is inadequate to support the projected population increase from BRAC 2005. The project will provide infrastructure to support relocation to Ft. Meade of the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), Adjudication Activities, the Defense Media Activity (DMA), other agencies moving out of leased space, and other agencies relocating from other installations.

## ***Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations***

### CJS Projects

**Project:** Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System

**Amount:** \$2,000,000

**Account:** COPS Law Enforcement Technology

**Recipient:** Maryland State Police

**Address:** 1201 Reisterstown Rd., Pikesville, MD 21208

**Explanation:** Funding would be used to facilitate the implementation of a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD)/Records Management Systems (RMS) for the state law enforcement agencies of

Maryland. The Maryland State Police, Maryland Transportation Authority Police, Maryland Natural Resources Police, and other critical state public safety agencies do not utilize the same CAD/RMS. As a result, these public safety agencies do not share resources when dispatching or collecting data during emergency management situations.

This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because funding will provide the State with the ability to share resources effectively, to collect data in a standardized format for improved analysis, to improve internal business processes, and to consolidate expensive state resources. Consolidating these processes will allow for better service to the public by providing a mechanism for identifying repeat offenders across agencies. Additionally the data can provide working law enforcement groups with the data to implement targeted enforcement initiatives.

**Project:** Public Safety Communications Equipment

**Amount:** \$1,416,000

**Account:** COPS Law Enforcement Technology

**Recipient:** City of Salisbury

**Address:** 125 N. Division Street, Salisbury, MD 21801

**Explanation:** Funding will be used to replace obsolete public safety communication equipment to include the mobile radio system and mobile radios. A major component of the current system will reach the end of its support date and will no longer be available for purchase/support from the manufacturer. Funds would allow for the purchase of 40 portable radios and 6 mobile radios.

This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because these radios are critical communications equipment for law enforcement. The requested updated equipment will not only allow for improved communication with SPD officers, but all law enforcement agencies in the jurisdiction. The new system will allow for expansion not only into digital voice, but mobile data, as well. This will also ensure interoperability with allied agencies as technology advances.

**Project:** Field Biometric Identification

**Amount:** \$1,600,000

**Account:** COPS Law Enforcement Technology

**Recipient:** Maryland State Police

**Address:** 1201 Reisterstown Rd., Pikesville, MD 21208

**Explanation:** Funding will be used to procure and implement a field grade handheld biometric (fingerprint) identification system for operational units of the Maryland State Police. Funding will be used to develop the computer integration software needed to assimilate existing biometric technology, in order to conduct fingerprint based queries using established mobile computer systems; install the system in MSP patrol units, training troopers, and operational usage; and make available the developed integration software to all participating Maryland police departments using mobile computer systems supported by MSP.

This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the project will assist police officers to positively identify individuals while on traffic stops. The primary goal of this project is to increase police officer safety by reducing the duration of non-custodial detentions. The system will assist officers in establishing the identity of individuals failing to possess customary identification or

possessing suspicious identification. The biometric technology assimilated into policing through this project will have a profound impact nationally, in apprehending individuals using false identities to escape justice.

**Project:** First Responder Radio Interoperability Project

**Amount:** \$2,000,000

**Account:** COPS Law Enforcement Technology

**Recipient:** Maryland State Police

**Address:** 1201 Reisterstown Rd., Pikesville, MD 21208

**Explanation:** Funding will provide the State with the ability to continue to implement its phased approach to contract an effective interoperable radio solution that will better protect its first responders and citizens. The past “band aid” approach has resulted in many little interoperable bridges, but no long term, resilient strategy.

This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the Maryland State Police, Maryland Transportation Authority Police, Maryland Natural Resources Police, and other critical state public safety agencies do not utilize the same radio system that most local law enforcement jurisdictions use. As a result, these public safety agencies must carry additional radios programmed for the local jurisdiction in which they are working or they must rely on cellular phones for communication. This system will modernize crime fighting and information sharing by maximizing the use of the best available technology.

**Project:** Oyster Restoration Maryland and Virginia

**Amount:** \$5,000,000

**Account:** NOAA

**Recipient:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

**Address:** 1401 Constitution Ave., Room 5128, Washington, DC 20230

**Explanation:** Funding would be used to fund native oyster restoration in both the Maryland and Virginia portions of the Chesapeake Bay. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the development of native oyster aquaculture is critical to a viable commercial oyster industry in the Bay.

**Project:** The Ernest F. Hollings National Advocacy Center

**Amount:** \$4,750,000

**Account:** Office of Justice Programs – Byrne Discretionary Grants

**Recipient:** The National District Attorneys Association

**Address:** 44 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 110, Alexandria, VA 22314

**Explanation:** Funding to the Ernest F. Hollings National Advocacy Center would be used to provide prosecutors with the training needed to most effectively perform their duty. When fully funded, the NDAA can conduct 40 courses at the NAC annually and train 3,000 State and local prosecutors, while covering all expenses to attendees.

This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because without proper funding for the NAC, few prosecutors’ offices have access to the funds for this critical training. Prosecutors who are not adequately trained in trial advocacy skills, who are not equipped with specialized knowledge to

handle complex criminal matters, and who are not well-versed in their ethical obligations as public servants are less likely to be effective in and outside the courtroom.

**Project:** Technology Update for Forensic Science Laboratories

**Amount:** \$420,000

**Account:** COPS Law Enforcement Technology

**Recipient:** Maryland State Police

**Address:** 1201 Reisterstown Rd., Pikesville, MD 21208

**Explanation:** Funding will be used for the acquisition of instrumentation for the analysis of controlled dangerous substances casework at the Forensic Sciences Laboratory locations including Berlin, MD.

This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the Forensic Division is constantly dealing with backlogs and the demands to meet court dates. The acquisition of these new instruments will address casework loads and improve the efficiency of testing for certain types of drugs. The completion of analysis and the timely generation of reports will mean that the Forensic Sciences Division is able to meet more court dates and is better able to support the prosecution of drug violators. This system will modernize crime fighting and information sharing by maximizing the use of the best available technology.

**Project:** Historically Black College and University Space-Based Research and Experimentation Program

**Amount:** \$5,000,000

**Account:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

**Recipient:** University of Maryland Eastern Shore

**Address:** Richard A. Henson Center, Room 2147, Princess Anne, MD 21853

**Explanation:** Funding will be used to facilitate the initiation and administration of a pilot program for the development, launch, and operation of 2 CubeSat (a type of miniaturized satellite) research missions, and the detailed design of a more sophisticated 50kg research satellite mission, all led by HBCUs.

This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will increase STEM research opportunities for minority undergraduate and graduate students, provide hands-on training and practical application of aerospace businesses in the HBCU communities, and deliver relevant research products to NASA by focusing the HBCU research on pressing agency issues. Additionally, the program will enhance community development by supporting local small business growth, and the cadre of experienced industry personnel at these businesses will serve as mentors for the HBCU faculty and students thereby creating a future research capacity beyond this pilot program.

## Programmatic Requests

**Program:** Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 programs

**Amount:** \$262,000,000

**Account:** Department-wide

**Recipient:** Department of Justice

**Explanation:** This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act authorized several important child protection programs. This comprehensive, bipartisan legislation strengthened sex offender registry requirements and enforcement, increased penalties for child predators, provides grants to promote public outreach and protect our communities from sex offenders. The DOJ's Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART), authorized in the Adam Walsh Act, has provided substantial guidance to State officials on implementation of the Adam Walsh Act within Maryland. The requested amount will support these important child protection programs by fully funding these programs in FY 2011.

**Program:** Bay Watershed Education and Training

**Amount:** \$3,500,000

**Account:** NOAA – Operations, Research, and Facilities

**Recipient:** Department of Commerce - NOAA

**Explanation:** This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the Bay Watershed Education and Training program helps create environmentally literate students and teachers through education. The program supports NOAA's goal of developing a well-informed citizenry involved in decision-making that positively impact our coastal, marine, and watershed ecosystems. The Chesapeake Bay is one of the sites for this important national program.

**Program:** Chesapeake Bay Studies

**Amount:** \$7,135,000

**Account:** NOAA – Operations, Research, and Facilities

**Recipient:** Department of Commerce - NOAA

**Explanation:** This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the Chesapeake Bay Studies program principally funds the day-to-day operations at the NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office and supports NOAA's lead in the Chesapeake Bay restoration effort. NOAA plays a particularly significant role in aquatic living resource and habitat restoration.

**Program:** Community Oriented Policing Services

**Amount:** \$1,047,119,000

**Account:** Community Oriented Policing Services

**Recipient:** Department of Justice

**Explanation:** A component of the Department of Justice, the COPS Office awards grants to State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies throughout the United States so they can hire and train law enforcement officers to participate in community policing, purchase and deploy new crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies.

This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because since 1995, the COPS program has invested \$12.4 billion to help law enforcement advance the practice of community policing, and has enabled more than 13,000 state, local, and tribal agencies to hire more than 117,000 police officers and deputies. The full authorized level would allow the COPS office to hire over 13,000 officers.

**Program:** Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

**Amount:** \$1,100,000,000

**Account:** Office of Justice Programs

**Recipient:** Department of Justice

**Explanation:** The Byrne-JAG program allows state and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. Funding is distributed by formula and is used to address the most pressing criminal justice problems in a given area. The Byrne-JAG program helps state and local law enforcement agencies fund cold case units, school violence programs, hate crime programs, crime victim and witness programs, prosecution and court programs, the purchase of equipment, and the training of law enforcement officers. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the Byrne-JAG program is an effective way to help provide law enforcement agencies and local governments with the tools to keep our communities safe.

**Program:** Victims of Crime Act

**Amount:** \$867,000,000

**Account:** Office of Justice Programs

**Recipient:** Department of Justice

**Explanation:** This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because some 4,200 agencies provide services to more than 4 million victims of all types of crime every year, largely through the formula state victim assistance grants. To reflect the growing needs for the important services that are supported with VOCA funds, the requested cap on Fund obligations of \$867 million would complete the restoration of state assistance grants to the amount received in FY2006, including inflation, and be a down payment to meet the growing needs of crime victims.

### ***Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations***

**Project:** Chesapeake Bay Habitat Conservation Program

**Amount:** \$ 2 million

**Account:** National Resources Conservation Service

**Recipient:** Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

**Address:** 34 Defense Street, Suite 200, Annapolis, MD 21401

**Explanation:** Ducks Unlimited will use these funds to restore and protect wetland habitat and wetland associated uplands on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Conserving this habitat will improve water quality in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and benefit waterfowl and other wildlife species, including the endangered Delmarva Fox Squirrel and the protected American Bald Eagle. This is a good use of taxpayer because it will help protect the Chesapeake Bay while also supporting wildlife on the Eastern Shore.

**Project:** Conservation Tracker and Nutrient Management Program information management systems

**Amount:** \$600,000

**Account:** Agriculture Research Service

**Recipient:** Maryland Department of Agriculture

**Address:** 50 Harry S Truman Pkwy, Annapolis, MD 21401

**Explanation** The farming community plays a critical role in Maryland's First District. As Maryland moves forward to implement TMDL regulations as part of Chesapeake Bay restoration goals, it is vital that we proceed in a manner that both supports agriculture and protects the Chesapeake Bay. However, this is only possible if there is accurate data. The purpose of the project is to enhance the Maryland Department of Agriculture's capacity to quantify, evaluate and depict conservation practice implementation and regulatory compliance by Maryland farmers. In addition to providing capacity for managing information related to best management practices (BMPs) implemented through State and Federal programs, the initiative will develop and implement a mechanism to identify BMP's implemented by farmers voluntarily without technical assistance. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because accurate data derived from the MDA system providing model input will lead to the most effective and equitable management and policy decisions related to agriculture and the Chesapeake Bay.

**Project:** Cover Crop Funding

**Amount:** \$ 2 million

**Account:** National Resources Conservation Service

**Recipient:** Maryland Department of Agriculture

**Address:** 50 Harry S Truman Pkwy, Annapolis, MD 21401

**Explanation:** A critical component to protecting the health of the Chesapeake Bay is reducing the nutrient load into the Bay. Farmers plant cover crops in the fall as a means to reduce erosion and capture residual nutrients that may remain in the soil profile from the previous crop. Through the use of small grain crops such as rye, wheat and barley, cover crops are considered to be one of the most cost effective practices to reduce nutrient loads to the Chesapeake Bay. These funds would be used by the Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost Share (MACS) program to help farmers and the environment by supporting the planting of cover crops. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it helps protect the Chesapeake Bay while simultaneously supporting Maryland farmers.

**Project:** Maryland Poultry Health Diagnostic Laboratory Replacement Project

**Amount:** \$5 million

**Account:** USDA

**Recipient:** Maryland Department of Agriculture

**Address:** 50 Harry S Truman Pkwy, Annapolis, MD 21401

**Explanation:** The poultry industry is critical to the economy on Maryland's Eastern Shore. However, the current poultry laboratory in Salisbury is antiquated with outdated technology. These funds would be used to construct and equip a replacement diagnostic laboratory. The replacement laboratory addresses significant food safety and public health implications while also encouraging economic expansion. The poultry industries rely on accurate, rapid and quality

diagnostics from the MDA laboratory system. A state of the science laboratory located in the midst of the most concentrated commercial meat chicken (broiler) operations in the world is a necessity. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will support the poultry industry, which is the most important industry on the Eastern Shore.

**Project:** Chesapeake Bay Activities

**Amount:** \$6 million

**Account:** USDA

**Recipient:** USDA

**Address:** 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, DC 20250

**Explanation:** These funds will be used to maintain and enhance the current level of service provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to support Chesapeake Bay restoration. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because providing adequate technical assistance to farmers, landowners, watershed groups and communities is critical to implementing the Farm Bill conservation programs that are the single most vital tool to improving the health of Chesapeake Bay.

### *Financial Services and General Government Appropriations*

**Project:** Chesapeake Sustainable Agribusiness Assistance Program

**Amount:** \$ 1,050,000

**Account:** SBA

**Recipient:** Baltimore County Agricultural Resource Center

**Address:** P.O. Box 1542, Cockeysville, MD 21030

**Explanation:** The Chesapeake Sustainable Agribusiness Assistance Program would leverage business assistance resources and entrepreneurial lending to support development of an agribusiness incubator. Funding will be used to deliver technical services to agribusinesses in the 1st District, create an agribusiness development curriculum, and facilitate agribusiness entrepreneurship. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will encourage more individuals to pursue opportunities in agriculture, support economic growth, create jobs, and encourage responsible environmental stewardship.

**Program:** DC WASA Long Term Control Plan and Combined Sewer Overflow

**Amount:** \$25 million

**Account:** DC

**Recipient:** WASA

**Address:** 5000 Overlook Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20032

**Explanation:** DC WASA's Blue Plains Advanced Water Treatment Plant is one of the single largest sources of pollutants into the Chesapeake Bay. These funds would be used to upgrade the technology at Blue Plains to reduce the nitrogen being discharged into the Potomac River and subsequently the Chesapeake Bay. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because upgrading Blue Plains is one of the single most effective ways to improving the overall health of the entire Chesapeake Bay.

*Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations*

Project Requests

**Project:** Chester River Hospital Center

**Amount:** \$500,000

**Account:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) – Health Facilities and Services

**Recipient:** Chester River Hospital Center

**Address:** 100 Brown Street, Chestertown, MD 21620

**Explanation:** This expansion will accommodate recent and projected growth in “traditional” Emergency Department patient volumes as well as expected additional volume – and longer lengths of stay – of mental health patients due to the closure of Upper Shore Community Mental Health Center on 3/1/10. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it would permit the expansion of the Chester River Hospital Center’s Emergency Department to better serve the people who live in or visit the Eastern Shore.

Programmatic Requests

**Program:** John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2008

**Amount:** \$15,000,000

**Account:** Other

**Recipient:** Department of Education

**Explanation:** The Higher Education Opportunity Act established a program of student loan repayment for borrowers who agree to remain employed for at least three years as State or local criminal prosecutors, or as State, local, or Federal public defenders in criminal cases. The measure allows eligible attorneys to receive student loan debt repayments of up to \$10,000 annually, with a maximum cumulative amount of \$60,000. If attorneys do not complete their required period of service, they are forced to repay the government. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because this program helps our criminal justice system and our communities by funding a student loan repayment program for law school graduates who serve for at least three years as criminal prosecutors or public defenders.

**Program:** Rural Community Facilities Technical Assistance

**Amount:** \$12,000,000

**Account:** Administration for Children and Families (ACF) – Children and Families Services

**Recipient:** Department of Health and Human Services

**Explanation:** The purpose of this program is to provide assistance to small rural communities and reservations to develop and manage water and wastewater systems. Funding of the authorized amount of \$12 million is needed in order to continue ongoing work to implement these services. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it helps rural communities, that often lack the necessary financial resources, manage their water and wastewater systems.

*Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations*

**Project:** Assateague Island, MD

**Amount:** \$1 million

**Account:** Construction

**Recipient:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Address:** 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20314

**Explanation:** The project includes initial restoration of the north end of Assateague Island by placing sand pumped from an ocean borrow site along approximately 6 miles of shoreline. Long-term shoreline management includes annual placement of sand dredged from certain sites in the back bays and ebb shoal to maintain the integrity of the beach. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will protect valuable habitat restored by the initial construction effort and maintain protection for the Sinepuxent Bay and communities along the western shore of the Coastal Bays.

**Project:** Atlantic Coast of Maryland, MD

**Amount:** \$7.3765 million

**Account:** Construction

**Recipient:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Address:** 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20314

**Explanation:** The project consists of repairs to the Atlantic Coast of Maryland Storm Protection system caused by natural erosion and the November 11-14th Nor-Easter. The storm protection system includes the dunes, beach and seawall that provide storm protection for Ocean City Maryland. Sand will be dredged from offshore and placed on the Ocean City beach and dune. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because this project is critical to the local economy and environment.

**Project:** Chesapeake Bay Marshlands, MD (Blackwater Wildlife Refuge)

**Amount:** \$500,000

**Account:** Investigations

**Recipient:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Address:** 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20314

**Explanation:** A cost-shared Feasibility Study between MDOT and the Baltimore District Corps of Engineers would determine the viability of using dredged material to raise bottom elevations to enable restoration of wetlands in the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it is the largest and most significant wildlife refuge on Maryland's Eastern Shore and plays a key role in the overall ecology of the Chesapeake Bay.

**Project:** Chesapeake Bay Shoreline Erosion, Maryland Coastal Management, MD

**Amount:** \$100,000

**Account:** Investigations

**Recipient:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Address:** 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20314

**Explanation:** This is a feasibility study to address Chesapeake Bay water quality and its links to shoreline erosion, protection and restoration. This phase of the study will produce an updated technical shoreline erosion control guidebook for engineers and contractors, in order to familiarize industry professionals with various methods of shore protection, specific design considerations, and regulatory information. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will enhance opportunities to protect and restore the Bay's natural resources through critical restoration projects, particularly in the face of significant sea level rise and shoreline erosion impacts due to climate change.

**Project:** Eastern Shore, Mid-Chesapeake Bay Island, MD

**Amount:** \$2 million

**Account:** Investigations

**Recipient:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Address:** 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20314

**Explanation:** A cost-shared Feasibility Study between MDOT and the Baltimore District Corps of Engineers (COE) determined the viability of the environmental restoration of the island remnants located approximately one mile north of Taylors' Island at the mouth of the little Choptank River in Dorchester County. Using dredged material, the approximately 2,100 acre restoration project will be developed into a facility with high value wetland (55%) and upland (45%) habitat components similar to the Poplar Island restoration project. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because currently, the State of Maryland has only two major dredged material placement sites in operation – Poplar Island and Hart-Miller Island (closing after 2009). It is imperative that the Mid-Chesapeake Bay Island be adequately funded to provide long-term dredged material placement capacity and to assure shippers that long-term capacity will be available.

**Project:** Jane's Island

**Amount:** \$100,000

**Account:** Section 206

**Recipient:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Address:** 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20314

**Explanation:** Jane's Island is a large barrier island separating the Tangier Sound from the Little Annemessex River, which surrounds the perimeter of the City of Crisfield on the westerly side. The Island is slowly being eroded due to strong currents from the Tangier Sound. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because without the island, a strong storm could cause severe erosion to the Town of Crisfield.

**Project:** Poplar Island, MD

**Amount:** \$22 million

**Account:** Construction

**Recipient:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Address:** 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20314

**Explanation:** There are approximately 135 miles of channels leading to the Port of Baltimore; each year approximately 4-5 million cubic yards of material must be removed from the channels to keep them at authorized depth and width. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it is imperative that Poplar Island be adequately funded; otherwise there will be insufficient dredged material placement capacity to allow timely dredging of the bay channels.

*Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations*

Project Requests

**Project:** Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge

**Amount:** \$3 million

**Account:** Land Acquisition

**Recipient:** The Conservation Fund

**Address:** 410 Severn Ave., Suite 204, Annapolis, MD 21403

**Explanation:** Within the authorized boundary, the Blackwater NWR contains a significant tract of unprotected land with important natural and historic resources, which splits the eastern and western portions of the refuge in half. Fiscal 2011 funding will finish the work on the unprotected portion. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it would complete top priority land acquisition projects needed to preserve the ecological and cultural integrity of Maryland's premier natural resource.

**Project:** Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network

**Amount:** \$3 million

**Account:** Statutory or Contractual Aid

**Recipient:** Friends of the John Smith Chesapeake Trail

**Address:** 410 Severn Ave., Suite 204, Annapolis, MD 21403

**Explanation:** Jane's Island is a large barrier island separating the Tangier Sound from the Little Annemessex River, which surrounds the perimeter of the City of Crisfield on the westerly side. The Island is slowly being eroded due to strong currents from the Tangier Sound. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it without the island, a strong storm could cause severe erosion to the Town of Crisfield.

**Project:** Greensboro- Goldsboro Wastewater Upgrade

**Amount:** \$2 million

**Account:** STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

**Recipient:** Caroline County

**Address:** 109 Market St. Suite 123, Denton, MD 21629

**Explanation:** The town of Goldsboro currently has failing septic systems. In 1996, Goldsboro entered into a Consent Order with MDE pursuant to which the Town committed to provide a public wastewater system. This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it would replace the existing septic systems in Goldsboro and upgrade and expand the capacity in nearby Greensboro to accommodate potential flows conveyed from Goldsboro.

**Project:** Port Deposit to Northeast River Advanced WWTP Sewer Interceptor

**Amount:** \$1 million

**Account:** STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

**Recipient:** Cecil County Government

**Address:** 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Suite 2700, Elkton, MD 21921

**Explanation:** The Port Deposit to Northeast River Advanced WWTP Sewer Interceptor project represents a regional solution to the Town of Port Deposit's wastewater challenges which will yield significant benefits to the Town, Cecil County, and the State of Maryland. Under the plan, Cecil County will assume ownership of the Town's sewer infrastructure and construct a sewer line to convey sewage from Port Deposit to the County's primary wastewater treatment plant. This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it would provide the needed sewer service to this area, opening the door for economic growth and more jobs for Cecil County and the State of Maryland.

**Project:** Town of Galena Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

**Amount:** \$700,000

**Recipient:** Maryland Department of the Environment

**Account:** STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

**Address:** 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21230

**Explanation:** The purpose of the project is to upgrade the existing Galena Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) to meet the plant's current discharge permit limits. The plant is currently in violation of limits for Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) and ammonia. The upgraded treatment process is necessary in order for the plant to achieve compliance with its permit limitations. This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will address existing violations of the wastewater treatment plant's discharge permit.

**Project:** Town of Rising Sun Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

**Amount:** \$1 million

**Account:** STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

**Recipient:** Maryland Department of the Environment

**Address:** 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21230

**Explanation:** This project will upgrade the Rising Sun wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) in Cecil County to enhance the plant's ammonia nitrogen removal capacity and achieve discharge reductions of nitrogen and phosphorus. This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it would resolve long-standing environmental violations and bring the wastewater treatment plant into compliance with its permitted discharge limitations. Additionally, this project will reduce the plant's discharge of nitrogen and phosphorus.

## Programmatic Requests

**Program:** Chesapeake Bay Initiative

**Amount:** \$31,586,000

**Account:** Other

**Recipient:** U.S. Geological Survey, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service

**Explanation:** The President's budget request includes \$31.586 million to fund the Department of the Interior's Chesapeake Bay Initiative. This request includes \$8.402 million for the U.S. Geological Survey to carry out water quality monitoring, biological research, climate change impact study and the study of land use and impact throughout the watershed. These programs are imperative to track and guide the restoration efforts. This proposed Chesapeake Bay Initiative also provides \$19.345 million for the Fish and Wildlife Service to maintain valuable nature preserves like the Blackwater Wildlife Refuge and to monitor the many terrestrial and aquatic species throughout the watershed. These species are prime indicators of ecosystem health, and this initiative is yet another way to gauge restoration progress. Finally, the initiative includes \$3.839 million for the National Park Service to maintain and expand regional historic trails and recreation areas. These expansions protect natural environment and help foster environmental protection and restoration by raising the public's awareness of its impact. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will help protect and restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

**Program:** Clean Water State Revolving Fund

**Amount:** \$2,400,000,000

**Account:** State and Tribal Assistance Grants

**Recipient:** Environmental Protection Agency

**Explanation:** The EPA's CWSRF program awards annual loan-fund capitalization grants to states as a long-term source of state financing a) for the construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities, b) for the implementation of non-point water quality management activities, and c) for the development and implementation of comprehensive estuary conservation and management plans. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will help protect and restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

**Program:** EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Base Budget

**Amount:** \$63,000,000

**Account:** Environment Programs and Management

**Recipient:** Environmental Protection Agency

**Explanation:** The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Chesapeake Bay Program is authorized by Section 117 of the Clean Water Act. The Program facilitates the coordination of restoration activities conducted by restoration partners toward the Chesapeake 2000 agreement goals, and it compiles and analyzes monitoring and other data to assess the overall progress of the Bay restoration effort. An increase in funding would support implementation of on-the-ground restoration projects to reduce nutrient and sediment pollution and to improve habitat for the living resources within the Bay watershed. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will help protect and restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

**Program:** North American Wetlands Conservation Act

**Amount:** \$47,600,000

**Account:** North American Wetlands Conservation

**Recipient:** Fish and Wildlife Service

**Explanation:** The North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) is a very popular and successful conservation program that has strong support in Congress, the conservation community, and among private landowners across the United States. NAWCA is a unique, public-private, partnership-based program that matches non-federal and federal funds to protect, restore, and manage wetlands and associated habitats for migratory birds and other wildlife. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will continue effective conservation efforts on the Eastern Shore.

**Program:** National Estuary Program

**Amount:** \$35,000,000

**Account:** Environment Programs and Management

**Recipient:** Environmental Protection Agency

**Explanation:** The National Estuary Program (NEP) was created by Congress to restore designated estuaries of national significance. There are 28 estuaries in the NEP, all of which are implementing the collaborative plans they developed for their communities and states. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will help restore and protect of our nation's estuaries.